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**Request for Reconsideration**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 21, 2005, reconsideration is  
requested for the reasons which follow:

**35 USC Section 103 Rejection**

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Byrd. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested. Applicants submit that Byrd fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention for the reason set forth above. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The examination of these claims and passage to allowance are respectfully requested. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (732) 524-1496 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 10-0750/CDS0255/TJB. This sheet is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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